

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of establishing a clonal embryonic stem cell line capable of sustaining a phenotype of normal embryonic stem cells following at least eight months of *in vitro* culture is disclosed. The method is effected by culturing an individual embryonic stem cell for at least eight months in a serum-free medium, thereby establishing the clonal embryonic stem cell line capable of sustaining said phenotype of normal embryonic stem cells following at least eight months of *in vitro* culture.

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